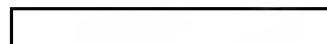


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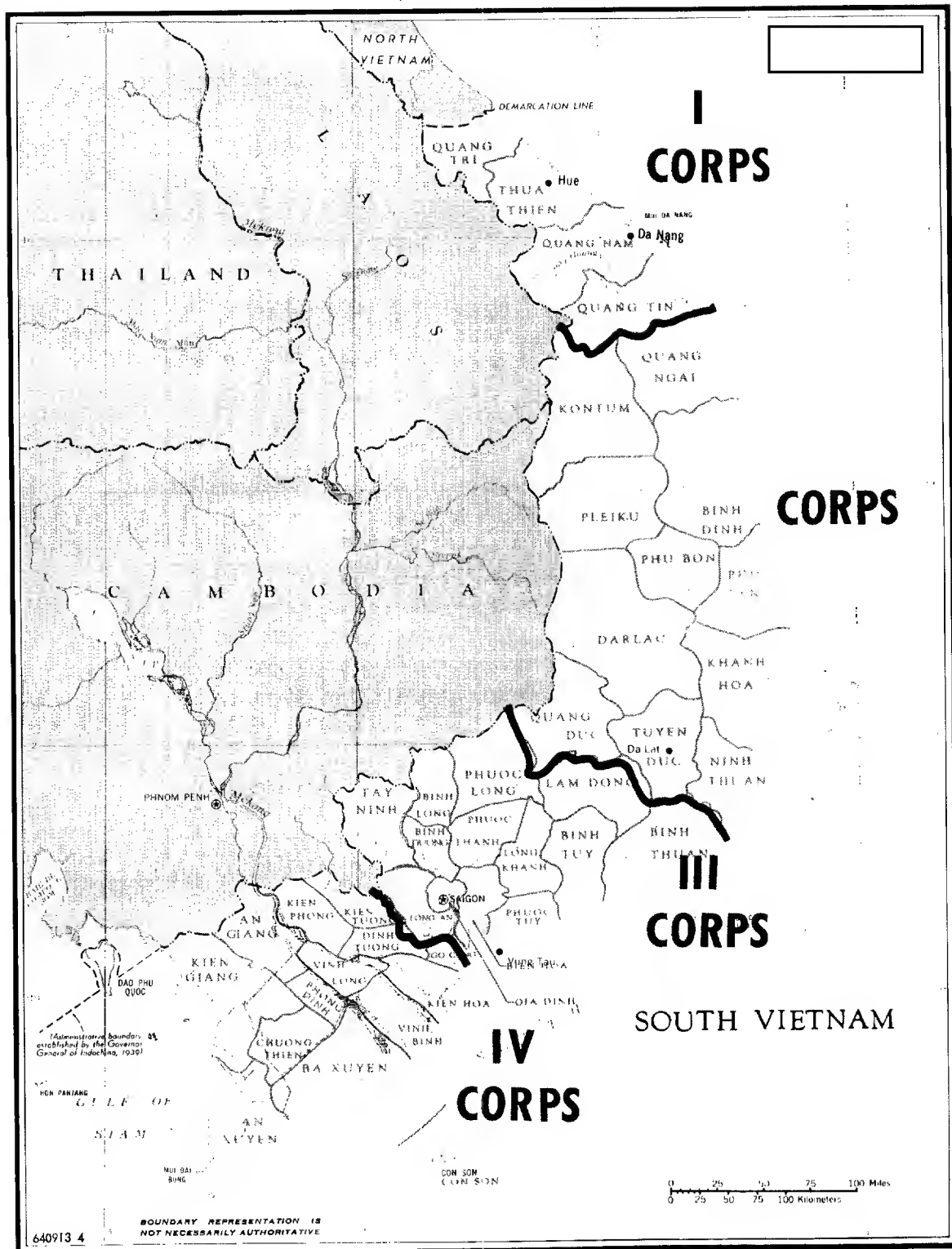
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*South Vietnam: The coup attempt against General Khanh has collapsed.

Final terms for abandonment of the coup effort appear to have been worked out at a meeting early today between General Duong Van Duc, IV Corps commander and one of the co-leaders of the coup attempt, and General Nguyen Cao Ky, the air force chief who played a leading role in rallying support for Khanh. In the hours preceding this meeting, the coup forces had progressively been withdrawn from Saigon.

The precise nature of the bargain struck is as yet unclear. Duc had indicated to US military advisors that his principal remaining condition for surrender would be retirement of the four "Dalat generals"--Don, Kim, Dinh and Xuan--from the army. Khanh's attempt to restore them to active duty in the defense ministry is believed to have been one of the factors stimulating the abortive coup attempt.

Duc had also sought assurances that the coup leaders be permitted to retain their present assignments without disciplinary action. The role of General Lam Van Phat, the other leader of the coup, in these negotiations and his present whereabouts are not known.

The coup appears to have failed because Phat and Duc, after their initial success in occupying

Saigon on the morning of 13 September, were unsuccessful in attracting additional support in the military establishment. Generals Minh and Khiem rallied to Khanh, as did the commanders of the air force, the navy, and the airborne and marine brigades. Also contributory to the coup's collapse was the opposition of senior officers in I Corps in Central Vietnam.

The abortive power play by Phat and Duc in part reflected a sizeable body of opinion within the military establishment and among more militant Catholic elements that Khanh had gone too far in yielding to Buddhist pressures. This sentiment is believed to be shared even by some officers who in the end rallied to Khanh's support. Khanh thus remains faced with the dilemma of warding off Buddhist demands for removal of Catholic and former Diemist officials sufficiently to maintain control over the military.

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